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-: BRIDGNORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL :-

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1940.

Public Health Officer for the Authority :-

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PUBLIC ANALYST ..... MR.H.LOWE, CHESTER.
SANITARY INSPECTOR AND FOOD INSPECTOR ..... MR.D.C.YOUNGER.

Sec A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	101,040.
Registrar General's estimate of	
(a) Resident Population mid 1940	12,220.
(b) Average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates	12,220.
Number of inhabited houses (mid 1940) according to Rate Books	3,373.
Rateable value	£44,986.
Sum represented by penny rate	£200. 3s. 1d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS : There has been no important change in these. Unemployment decreased by the end of the year to almost the irreducible minimum.

Nearly all the evacuated mothers with children had returned to their homes by the end of the year.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

	Total.	M.	F.		
Live Births:					
Legitimate	198.	102.	96.	) Birth Rate per 1,000	
Illegitimate	11.	5.	6.	) situated resident population mid 1940 ...	16.2
Still Births:					
Legitimate	8.	6.	2.	) Rate per 1,000 total live	
Illegitimate	1.	0.	1.	) and still births	45.0
Deaths :	181.	89.	92.	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population	14.8.
Comparability factor		0.94.		Adjusted Death rate	13.9

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES :

	Deaths:	Rate per 1,000 total births:
No.29 Puerperal Sepsis	1	4.0
No.30 Other Puerperal Causes	1	4.0
TOTAL	2	8.0

DEATH RATE of INFANTS under one year of age :

All infants per 1,000 live births	52.1
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	44.7.
Illegitimate " " illegitimate " "	200.0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	22.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ..... 0.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) ..... 1.
" " Diarrhoea (under two years of age) ..... 0.

SEC. B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers - see above.

There has been no change in the following :

(a) Laboratory facilities (b) Ambulance facilities
(c) Nursing in the home (d) Treatment Centres etc
(e) Hospitals.

SEC. C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER : The Stottesdon public supply scheme was completed and in operation during the year. Bacteriological examinations of the water from wells were all satisfactory.

There is nothing more to report in the following matters : Drainage and Sewerage, Rivers and Streams, Closet Accommodation, Camping Sites, Swimming Baths and Bed Bug Infestation

A report from your Sanitary Inspector is appended

SEC D

HOUSING

No building schemes have been carried out.

SEC. E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT Slaughtering is now cented at Wolverhampton, and meat is distributed

ADULTERATION No action has been taken in this matter

SEC. F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were no serious outbreaks or epidemics of infectious disease.

Measles and Whooping Cough which were made notifiable in October 1939, were prevalent during the last quarter of the year.

There was a case of Entric Fever contracted outside this ~~County.~~ Country.

Scabies showed an increase towards the end of the year.

No action has been taken to provide immunisation against Diphtheria.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1940

DISEASE :	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED :	CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL :	TOTAL DEATHS :
Scarlet Fever	15	7	-
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Enteric Fever	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	1
Pneumonia	14	1	10
Measles	39	-	-
Whooping Cough	13	-	1
Cerebrospinal Fever	2	1	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1	1
Acute Poliomylitis	1	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorium	2	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUP	SCARLET FEVER	DIPHTHERIA	PUERPERAL PYREXIA	PNEUMONIA	MEASLES	WHOOPING COUGH
1 year	1	-	-	-	2	7
2 years	1	-	-	1	2	2
3 "	-	-	-	-	1	1
4 "	1	-	-	-	1	2
5 "	3	-	-	1	11	5
10 "	3	-	-	2	13	1
15 "	2	-	-	1	6	-
20 "	2	1	2	3	1	-
35 "	3	-	-	2	1	-
45 "	-	1	-	3	-	-
65 & upwards	-	-	-	2	1	-

AGE GROUP	ENTERIC FEVER	CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER	ACUTE POLIO MYLITIS	ENCEPHA-LITIS LETHARGICA	OPTHALMIA NEONATORIUM	ERYSIPELAS
1 year	-	-	-	-	2	-
2 years	1	-	-	-	-	-
3 "	-	-	-	1	-	-
4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 "	-	-	1	-	-	-
10 "	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 "	-	1	-	-	-	-
35 "	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 "	-	-	-	-	-	1
65 " & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-

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NEW CASES and MORTALITY during 1940.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESP.		RESPIRATORY		NON-RESP	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	4	4	1	-	-	1	-	-
25	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
35	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	6	8	3	1	-	2	-	1

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: SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING : DECEMBER 1940.

COMPLAINTS :

Forty six complaints were received during the year of various natres. All were inspected, and where necessary, peraonal interviews were made on the different parties concerned, thereby no further action was necessary to be taken by my Council.

WATER ANALYSIS :

Three bacteriological samples of water were taken during the year, two from public wells and one from a private well. All were reported to be satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLIES :

Six private wells and eleven public wells have been repaired and reconstructed so as to prevent the water supply being contaminated from surface pollution.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS :

During the year 14 applications have been received for registration under the Milk and Dairies Order all of which were granted. These premises are periodically inspected.

BAKEHOUSES :

These premises were periodically visited during the year and except for requests for the annual limewashing so as to comply with the regulations laid down in the order, no further action was found necessary.

WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES :

Periodical inspections of these premises were carried out during the year, but except requests for attention to the annual limewashing, and the Sanitary conditions in general, no further action was necessary to be taken.

HOUSE SCAVENGING :

Accumulations of various kinds and of an insanitary nature have been removed by their respective owners after being notified or personally interviewed.

The Council's scavenging schemes which are in operation in the village of Alveley and the Council's houses Highley have been carried out satisfactorily and no complaints have been received.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS:

There are two pools in the area which are used by the public, one at Alveley and the other at Swancote. These pools are inspected from time to time, and no complaints have been received in respect to the sanitary conditions.

DISINFECTION :

Number of places disinfected during the year after being occupied by patients suffering from infectious disease = 30.

UNSOUND FOOD :

Places where food is kept and pepared for human consumption were periodically inspected during the year, and the quantity of meat condemned as being unfit for human consumption, in accordance with the Ministry of Food regulations was approximately 40 lbs of beef.

HOUSING :

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects during the year (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)= 370.
Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ... = 403